



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### COATS' DISEASE AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS:** Among the debilitating eye diseases that affect Georgians and others throughout the country and around the world, Coats' Disease is a rare retinal disorder that primarily afflicts infants, young children, and teenagers, but risks remain into adulthood as well; and
- WHEREAS:** Coats' Disease can cause blood vessels in one or both eyes to develop abnormally, causing leakage of blood into the eye resulting in trauma, damage, partial or total blindness, or even removal of the eye without early detection, treatment, or surgery; and
- WHEREAS:** In order to increase capacities for treatment, and to ultimately cure Coat's Disease, the State of Georgia will continue to promote awareness, research, and study of Coats' Disease; and
- WHEREAS:** Coats' Disease Awareness Day will assist in raising public awareness about this rare disease, which can enable early detection, advance scientific research and treatment capabilities, and work toward eventually finding a cure; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, as COATS' DISEASE AWARENESS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Martina Kipertovich*

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